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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE DIVISION

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

South Carolina Department of Insurance, )

Petitioner, )

vs. )

Larry G. Ballard, )

Respondent. )

Docket No. 03-ALJ-09-0283-CC

**FINAL ORDER**

This matter is before the Court on an Agency Transmittal from the South Carolina Department of Insurance, the Petitioner. Two complaints were filed against the Respondent arising from his actions as a bail bondsman licenced under South Carolina law. There are two complaints which are disposed of under this order: The Blewer complaint and the Jones complaint.

Mr. Robert Blewer filed a "Consumer Complaint Form" on April 17, 2003, alleging, among other things, that the Respondent did "overcharge consumer Robert Blewer for bail bonding services and that, along with other individuals, forced said customer to make a withdrawal from his bank account". The Respondent denied the allegations contained in this complaint.

By letter dated October 7, 2003, Mr. Joe McMaster, Attorney for the Petitioner, wrote to the Court requesting that the Complaint of Mr. Dani Kay Jones, pertaining to Grover and Patricia Jones, be consolidated and tried along with the Robert Blewer complaint. The Respondent consented to this requested, and it was so consolidated. The Jones' complaint alleged that Mr. Ballard had overcharged the Jones' for a bond he wrote on or about May 30, 2003. The Respondent also denied this Complaint.

A Hearing was set to hear both complaints on December 11, 2003. This Court filed an Order of Dismissal on December 16, 2003, after receiving a letter from Mr. McMaster dated December 9, 2003, informing the Court that the parties had reached a settlement in this matter. The terms of the settlement are set forth herein.

The Respondent denies all allegations contained in both the Blewer and Jones complaints. The parties have agreed, however, in an effort to resolve this matter short of trial, that the Respondent will pay an administrative fine to the Department of Insurance in the amount of \$4,000.00. This is not an admission of guilt or liability on the part of the Respondent.

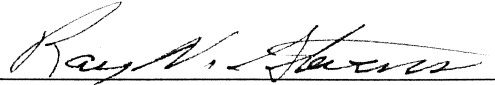
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The administrative fine shall be remitted to the Department within forty-five (45) days of the date of this Order. The Blewer complaint and Jones complaint, and all allegations contained therein, are hereby dismissed, with prejudice.

It is so ordered.



Ray N. Stevens  
Administrative Law Judge

This 11 day of February, 2004  
Columbia, South Carolina.

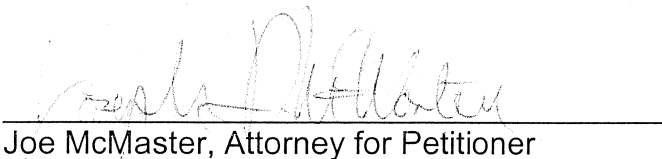
I CONSENT:



Larry Ballard, Respondent



John Hawkins, Attorney for Respondent



Joe McMaster, Attorney for Petitioner

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE  
This is to certify that the undersigned has this day  
served this order in the above entitled action upon all  
parties to this cause by depositing a copy hereof,  
in the United States mail, postage paid, or in the Interagency  
Mail Service addressed to the party(ies) or their attorney(s).  
This 11th day of February, 2004  
By Beverly A. Lyons  
Judicial Research Aide